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GROUP 3700**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2002 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on February 8, 2003. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance. Applicant's remarks are attached hereto and start on page 2. The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0400 in the amount of \$18.00 to cover the fee for the two extra claims now in this application in excess of twenty.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.